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TAGS: PFOR, PLO, JA  
SUBJECT: ARRIVAL OF PLO JAPAN PERMREP

REF: A. TOKYO 3617, B. TOKYO 16816

1. FATHI ABDUL HAMID ARRIVED IN TOKYO DECEMBER 18 TO TAKE UP DUTIES AS PLO PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN JAPAN. HE HAS NOT YET BEEN IN TOUCH WITH FONOFF, TO WHICH, HE TOLD PRESS, HE WILL DELIVER LETTER FROM PLO POLITICAL DEPT CHIEF QADDOUMI AT EARLY OPPORTUNITY.
2. ABDUL HAMID'S TRANSFER HERE FROM NEW DELHI HAS BEEN EXPECTED SINCE GOJ AND PLO REACHED AGREEMENT LAST SPRING ON ESTABLISHMENT OF "INFORMATION OFFICE" (REFTELS). ABDUL HAMID TOLD PRESS DELAY WAS CAUSED BY CIVIL WAR IN LEBANON; FONOFF TOLD US MAIN REASON WAS PLO LACK OF FUNDS. FOR MOMENT, HE IS WORKING OUT ARAB LEAGUE OFFICE HERE.

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3. IN STATEMENT ON ARRIVAL, ABDUL HAMID SAID PLO HAD SHIFTED TO POLITICAL STRUGGLE AND WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT WEST BANK-GAZA MINI-STATE AS INTERIM MEASURE. HE CLAIMED, ACCORDING TO PRESS, THAT US HAD COME TO "RECOGNIZE PLO AS AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY." AND THAT PLO HAD "BEGUN TO TAKE STEPS TO ESTABLISH OFFICE IN

WASHINGTON."

4. OF MOST IMMEDIATE CONCERN TO FONOFF, ABDUL HAMID CLAIMED GOJ HAD GRANTED PM "SPECIAL STATUS" WHICH "EQUAL TO THAT WHICH UN GAVE PLO REPRESENTATIVE," WITH "PRIVILIGES SIMILAR TO DIPLOMATIC PRIVILIGES." FONOFF WILL STRESS TO ABDUL HAMID IN FIRST MEETING, EMBASSY TOLD, VARIOUS FORMAL AND TACIT RESTRICTIONS ON PLO REP'S ACTIVITY AGREED IN COURSE OF LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS, MOST SIGNIFICANT OF WHICH IS THAT PLO OFFICE WILL NOT HAVE QUASI-DIPLOMATIC CHARACTER.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IF THERE IS ANY FOUNDATION TO ABDUL HAMID'S CLAIM OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PLO OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING IN POSITION TO BRIEF FONOFF.  
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